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## Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	Feb. 1956	Feb. 1955	Feb. 1956
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,392	2,442	2,516
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	41,625	35,545	44,750
Construction Contracts (\$1).....*	1,659,737	1,581,000	1,658,228
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	127,917	123,162	123,798
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	319,383	108,503	130,542
Industrial Production (FRI) 1947-49=100	143.0	133.0	143.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	106.8	102.3	107.4
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	158.0	144.4	158.9
Newspaper Production (net tons).....	645,128	590,831	666,788
Newspaper Shipments (net tons).....	637,618	576,278	608,088
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....	6,603	5,443	7,050
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	70,500	67,900	78,000
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	125,293	118,706	133,013
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	10,121	8,497	10,828
Steel Production (net tons).....	86,329	78,977	90,313
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	84,727	80,016	87,723
	Jan. 1956	Jan. 1955	Dec. 1955
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,915	5,806	6,665
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	746,996	716,045	855,447
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....†	58,092	50,404	57,571
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....	51,306	44,780	50,448
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....	49,746	40,451	48,171
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....	690,253	725,379	790,092
Tires - Production (units).....	8,299	9,040	9,478
Tires - Shipments (units).....	8,203	8,906	9,515
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	41,800	35,200	35,600
	Dec. 1955	Dec. 1954	Nov. 1955
Cement Production (barrels).....*	23,075	22,290	24,894
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	17,203	16,347	21,985
Cigarette Production (units).....†	27,400	26,651	32,644
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	121,411	111,753	116,009
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	221,804	196,213	210,406
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	240,634	224,382	230,758

FINANCIAL:	Feb. 1956	Feb. 1955	Jan. 1956
Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$1).....†	162,087	149,744	187,354
Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$1).....†	57,413	57,091	60,675
Bank Debts, Outside N. Y. C. (\$1).....†	104,674	92,653	117,678
Bond Sales, N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$1).....*	82,279	79,992	94,044
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$1).....*	1,660	3,260	1,680
Bond Sales, Municipal (\$1).....*	646,292	327,527	354,479
Fire Losses (\$1).....	84,041	85,046	96,972
Life Insurance Sales (\$1).....	3,707	3,358	3,742
Stock Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....†	46,401	60,815	47,197
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....†	15,430	23,550	15,340
	Jan. 1956	Jan. 1955	Dec. 1955
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$1).....*	1,278,000	1,168,000	1,398,000
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$1).....*	1,045,000	870,500	1,012,400
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1).....*	831,623	752,487	858,251
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1).....*	95,249	90,883	83,913
Retail Sales (\$1).....	13,900	13,300	19,200
Wholesale Sales (\$1).....	9,400	8,700	10,200
Manufacturing Sales (\$1).....	26,500	23,700	27,000
Retail Inventories (\$1).....	22,800	21,000	22,400
Wholesale Inventories (\$1).....	12,500	11,700	12,300
Manufacturing Inventories (\$1).....	46,600	43,500	46,100
(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.			

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—February 1956 and 1955

	(Thousands of dollars)			
	FEB. 1956	FEB. 1955	% Change	JAN. 1956
Boston.....	2,661,899	2,432,590	+ 9.4	2,976,842
Philadelphia.....	4,854,000	4,448,000	+ 9.1	5,387,000
Pittsburgh.....	1,802,113	1,473,173	+ 22.3	1,972,710
Cleveland.....	2,264,991	1,803,437	+ 25.6	2,485,518
Cincinnati.....	1,102,596	987,210	+ 11.7	1,259,246
Baltimore.....	1,383,572	1,239,871	+ 11.6	1,534,415
Richmond.....	754,599	686,164	+ 10.0	859,731
Albany.....	1,501,200	1,327,800	+ 13.2	1,679,200
New Orleans.....	784,869	683,758	+ 14.6	876,352
Memphis.....	525,456	466,500	+ 12.6	592,900
Chicago.....	4,369,829	3,798,125	+ 15.1	4,949,916
Detroit.....	2,993,452	2,541,052	+ 17.8	3,452,594
St. Louis.....	1,452,912	1,327,462	+ 9.5	1,691,983
Louisville.....	792,015	756,317	+ 4.7	870,431
Minneapolis.....	1,460,610	1,279,437	+ 14.2	1,649,287
Kansas City.....	1,564,318	1,441,839	+ 8.5	1,772,288
Omaha.....	586,023	554,022	+ 5.8	658,071
Denver.....	667,350	576,507	+ 15.8	743,108
Dallas.....	1,709,741	1,556,552	+ 9.8	2,036,878
Houston.....	1,628,450	1,348,477	+ 20.8	1,835,449
Los Angeles.....	3,681,475	3,117,805	+ 18.1	4,000,954
San Francisco.....	2,504,425	2,262,230	+ 10.7	2,815,410
Portland, Ore.....	714,473	655,996	+ 8.9	760,395
Seattle.....	722,704	690,015	+ 4.7	834,424
Total 25 Cities.....	42,825,125	37,942,739	+ 12.9	48,314,241
New York.....	39,549,611	42,645,843	- 7.3	47,789,336
Total 26 Cities.....	82,374,736	80,588,582	+ 2.2	96,103,577

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—2 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	2 MONTHS 1956	2 MONTHS 1955	% Change	2 MONTHS 1954
Boston.....	5,638,741	5,151,746	+ 9.5	4,640,424
Philadelphia.....	10,241,000	9,291,000	+ 10.2	8,503,000
Pittsburgh.....	1,156,180	1,025,358	+ 12.8	954,067
Cleveland.....	3,776,823	3,104,429	+ 21.7	2,979,875
Cincinnati.....	4,750,509	3,839,788	+ 23.7	3,624,965
Baltimore.....	1,201,842	1,089,813	+ 10.3	1,259,246
Richmond.....	2,917,987	2,607,425	+ 11.9	2,349,024
Atlanta.....	1,614,330	1,461,220	+ 10.5	1,330,990
New Orleans.....	2,981,400	2,810,500	+ 6.1	2,486,300
Memphis.....	1,663,221	1,464,223	+ 13.6	1,384,899
Chicago.....	1,118,356	1,035,183	+ 8.0	974,819
Detroit.....	9,319,745	8,085,710	+ 15.3	7,375,013
St. Louis.....	3,144,895	2,902,629	+ 8.4	2,721,737
Louisville.....	1,662,446	1,525,202	+ 9.0	1,432,124
Minneapolis.....	3,109,897	2,732,058	+ 13.8	2,588,066
Kansas City.....	3,336,606	3,119,624	+ 7.0	2,854,432
Omaha.....	1,244,094	1,215,718	+ 2.3	1,276,026
Denver.....	1,410,458	1,262,066	+ 11.8	1,128,498
Dallas.....	3,746,619	3,340,500	+ 12.2	3,103,880
Houston.....	3,463,899	2,909,221	+ 19.1	2,647,448
Los Angeles.....	7,682,429	6,497,248	+ 18.2	5,707,273
San Francisco.....	5,319,835	4,668,412	+ 14.0	4,163,456
Portland, Ore.....	1,474,868	1,372,635	+ 7.4	1,206,965
Seattle.....	1,557,128	1,429,386	+ 8.9	1,249,370
Total 25 Cities.....	91,139,366	80,400,562	+ 13.4	73,611,215
New York.....	87,338,947	87,650,126	- 0.4	83,465,033
Total 26 Cities.....	178,478,313	168,050,688	+ 6.2	157,076,248

## Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1953 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities	New York City	Total 25 Cities	Excluding N. Y. C.
	1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	96,104	87,462	80,946	79,037
February.....	82,375	80,589	76,130	68,623
March.....	95,249	90,883	83,913	77,786
April.....	83,559	82,815	79,149	74,448
May.....	86,047	79,771	75,787	70,444
June.....	91,966	89,211	82,121	77,886
July.....	83,362	83,729	80,394	77,886
August.....	86,995	82,817	71,871	70,444
September.....	86,612	80,283	77,912	74,448
October.....	90,642	83,176	80,716	77,886
November.....	88,603	84,476	75,948	74,448
December.....	97,510	98,823	88,142	83,913
Total.....	1,058,596	1,013,060	943,613	881,424
	530,883	532,029	470,289	468,013
	527,712	481,031	473,324	413,411

## Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1953 to Date

	Number of Failures	Current Liabilities	(000 Omitted)	Total Liabilities	(000 Omitted)
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1953
January.....	1,048	939	867	647	\$42,890
February.....	1,024	877	926	691	\$49,189
March.....	1,038	1,102	739	693	\$42,056
April.....	903	975	693	693	\$37,872
May.....	955	943	697	697	\$29,592
June.....	914	965	817	817	\$28,309
July.....	861	856	724	724	\$27,273
August.....	888	912	700	700	\$27,273
September.....	822	819	686	686	\$29,592
October.....	919	871	840	840	\$27,273
November.....	945	933	815	815	\$27,273
December.....	908	917	813	813	\$27,273
Total.....	10,969	11,086	8,862	8,862	\$449,380
					\$462,628
					\$394,153

# United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Feb. 1955
ALL COMMODITIES.....	112.3	111.8	111.3	110.4
Farm Products.....	86.0	84.1	83.4	93.1
Processed Foods.....	99.0	98.3	98.2	103.2
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods.....	120.5	120.2	119.7	115.7
Textile Products and Apparel.....	96.0	95.6	95.6	95.2
Hides, Skins & Leather Products.....	97.1	96.7	96.7	92.3
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials.....	111.1	110.2	108.9	108.7
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	106.4	106.3	106.7	107.1
Metals and Metal Products.....	145.0	144.9	143.9	131.5
Machinery and Motive Products.....	133.5	133.2	132.8	126.1
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	118.0	118.1	117.4	115.4
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	127.2	127.1	125.4	121.8
Rubber and Products.....	147.1	148.2	151.0	140.6
Lumber and Products.....	126.7	126.2	125.1	121.2
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products.....	125.4	124.8	123.6	116.6
Tobacco Mines & Bottle Beverages.....	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.6
Miscellaneous.....	88.6	89.6	88.7	97.1

# United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Feb. 1955
ALL ITEMS.....	114.6	114.6	114.7	114.3
Food.....	108.8	109.2	109.5	110.8
Housing.....	120.7	120.6	120.8	119.6
Apparel.....	104.6	104.1	104.7	103.4
Transportation.....	126.9	126.8	127.3	127.4
Medical Care.....	130.9	130.7	130.2	126.8
Personal Care.....	118.9	118.5	117.9	113.5
Reading and Recreation.....	107.5	107.3	106.8	106.4
Other Goods and Services.....	120.9	120.8	120.6	119.8

# Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1954 to Date

	1956	1955	1954
Jan. 3.....	\$5.95	Jan. 4.....	\$6.75
Jan. 10.....	5.92	Jan. 11.....	6.81
Jan. 17.....	5.86	Jan. 18.....	6.84
Jan. 24.....	5.89	Jan. 25.....	6.88
Jan. 31.....	5.95	Feb. 1.....	6.85
Feb. 7.....	5.90	Feb. 8.....	6.77
Feb. 14.....	5.94	Feb. 15.....	6.69
Feb. 21.....	5.91	Feb. 22.....	6.65
Feb. 28.....	5.95	Mar. 1.....	6.63
Mar. 6.....	5.94	Mar. 8.....	6.55
Mar. 13.....	5.96	Mar. 15.....	6.53
Mar. 20.....	5.93	Mar. 22.....	6.55
Mar. 27.....	5.93	Mar. 29.....	6.52
Apr. 3.....	5.93	Apr. 5.....	6.49
Apr. 10.....	5.93	Apr. 12.....	6.54
Apr. 17.....	5.93	Apr. 19.....	6.52
Apr. 24.....	5.93	Apr. 26.....	6.42
May 1.....	5.93	May 3.....	6.38
May 8.....	5.93	May 10.....	6.39
May 15.....	5.93	May 17.....	6.37
May 22.....	5.93	May 24.....	6.34
May 29.....	5.93	May 31.....	6.33
June 5.....	5.93	June 7.....	6.39
June 12.....	5.93	June 14.....	6.51
June 19.....	5.93	June 21.....	6.49
June 26.....	5.93	June 28.....	6.42
July 3.....	5.93	July 5.....	6.33
July 10.....	5.93	July 12.....	6.26
July 17.....	5.93	July 19.....	6.17
July 24.....	5.93	July 26.....	6.17
July 31.....	5.93	Aug. 2.....	6.21
Aug. 7.....	5.93	Aug. 9.....	6.24
Aug. 14.....	5.93	Aug. 16.....	6.23
Aug. 21.....	5.93	Aug. 23.....	6.21
Aug. 28.....	5.93	Aug. 30.....	6.15
Sept. 4.....	5.93	Sept. 6.....	6.19
Sept. 11.....	5.93	Sept. 13.....	6.26
Sept. 18.....	5.93	Sept. 20.....	6.25
Sept. 25.....	5.93	Sept. 27.....	6.28
Oct. 2.....	5.93	Oct. 4.....	6.17
Oct. 9.....	5.93	Oct. 11.....	6.11
Oct. 16.....	5.93	Oct. 18.....	6.08
Oct. 23.....	5.93	Oct. 25.....	6.05
Oct. 30.....	5.93	Nov. 1.....	6.02
Nov. 6.....	5.93	Nov. 8.....	6.00
Nov. 13.....	5.93	Nov. 15.....	6.04
Nov. 20.....	5.93	Nov. 22.....	6.02
Nov. 27.....	5.93	Nov. 29.....	5.99
Dec. 4.....	5.93	Dec. 6.....	5.99
Dec. 11.....	5.93	Dec. 13.....	5.96
Dec. 18.....	5.93	Dec. 20.....	5.96
Dec. 25.....	5.93	Dec. 27.....	5.97
Average.....		Average.....	\$6.34
			\$7.50

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

# Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations, (1930-32=100)

Base Year	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Jan. 1955
U. S. (B.L.S.).....1947-49	111.8	111.3	111.3	111.6	110.1
Canada.....1935-39	222.0	221.4	220.7	220.0	215.7
Austria.....1953	106.0	106.0	107.0	108.0	109.0
Denmark.....1953	105.0	106.0	105.0	105.0	102.0
Finland.....1953	100.0	98.0	98.0	99.0	98.0
France.....1953	100.0	100.0	99.0	99.0	98.0
India.....1953	95.0	94.0	93.0	91.0	92.0
Mexico.....1953	130.0	128.0	129.0	128.0	118.0
Norway.....1953	103.0	103.0	102.0	102.0	101.0
Switzerland.....1953	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	102.0
	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955	Dec. 1954
Australia.....1953	104.0	104.0	103.0	103.0	98.0
Belgium.....1953	102.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	99.0
Brazil.....1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Costa Rica.....1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cuba.....1953	95.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
Dominican Republic.....1953	99.0	98.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
Germany.....1953	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	99.0
Greece.....1953	125.0	123.0	123.0	123.0	116.0
Guatemala.....1953	100.0	103.0	102.0	101.0	104.0
Italy.....1953	102.0	102.0	101.0	100.0	102.0
Japan.....1953	98.0	97.0	98.0	97.0	98.0
Lebanon.....1953	96.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	92.0
Morocco, Fr.....1953	99.0	96.0	94.0	93.0	98.0
Netherlands.....1953	102.0	102.0	102.0	101.0	101.0
Peru.....1953	121.0	121.0	120.0	120.0	115.0
Philippines.....1953	92.0	93.0	94.0	94.0	94.0
Portugal.....1953	97.0	96.0	96.0	95.0	94.0
Spain.....1953	108.0	107.0	107.0	106.0	103.0
Sweden.....1953	107.0	106.0	105.0	105.0	100.0
Turkey.....1953	107.0	106.0	105.0	105.0	100.0
Union South Africa.....1953	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	101.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.).....1953	104.0	106.0	105.0	105.0	102.0
Venezuela.....1953	103.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	101.0

	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955
1.....	281.26	280.15	280.15	275.40	274.77
2.....	281.41	280.24	280.24	276.40	275.37
3.....	281.41	280.80	280.80	276.40	274.75
4.....	281.41	280.80	280.80	276.40	274.05
5.....	281.15	280.36	280.36	276.77	274.32
6.....	281.43	280.62	280.62	276.77	274.32
7.....	281.70	281.17	281.17	276.77	274.32
8.....	281.73	281.43	281.43	279.04	274.81
9.....	281.91	281.77	281.77	280.04	274.43
10.....	281.77	281.36	281.36	279.86	274.43
11.....	282.44	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
12.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
13.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
14.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
15.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
16.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
17.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
18.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
19.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
20.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
21.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
22.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
23.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
24.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
25.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
26.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
27.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
28.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
29.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
30.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
31.....	282.40	281.24	281.24	278.87	274.26
(a) Holiday					
(t) Sunday					
High					
Low					
1956.....	282.28	Feb. 23	280.19	Mar. 23	
1955.....	280.79	Jan. 27	279.68	June 3	
1954.....	284.18	Dec. 28	279.72	June 30	
1953.....	312.13	Jan. 5	274.04	Oct. 8	
1952.....			280.05	Dec. 17	

# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

February 1956 and 1955

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	FEBRUARY 1956	FEBRUARY 1955	JANUARY 1956	FEBRUARY 1956	FEBRUARY 1955	JANUARY 1956
<b>New England:</b>						
Boston, Mass.....	\$3,076,252	\$2,920,002	\$3,150,931	Asheville, N. C.....	\$458,871	\$278,400
Bridgeport, Conn.....	844,360	596,875	716,380	Atlanta, Ga.....	4,767,708	\$4,671,619
Bristol, Conn.....	382,816	112,884	397,100	Augusta, Ga.....	540,143	428,261
Brockton, Mass.....	313,335	442,220	412,920	Baltimore, Md.....	8,854,608	11,855,774
Cambridge, Mass.....	264,775	160,716	70,840	Charleston, S. C.....	223,294	170,791
Chelsea, Mass.....	19,275	19,691	73,060	Charlotte, N. C.....	1,965,425	1,145,938
Everett, Mass.....	29,375	187,630	59,686	Coral Gables, Fla.....	813,336	1,118,051
Fall River, Mass.....	108,325	153,213	66,000	Greensboro, N. C.....	1,758,990	812,675
Fitchburg, Mass.....	65,205	11,525	57,200	Greenville, S. C.....	252,500	417,350
Greenwich, Conn.....	816,814	711,840	724,140	Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,505,352	1,474,695
Hartford, Conn.....	227,263	7,295,523	981,233	Lynchburg, Va.....	374,660	348,021
Haverhill, Mass.....	31,600	89,100	22,475	Macon, Ga.....	285,174	277,508
Holyoke, Mass.....	143,825	404,550	26,850	Miami, Fla.....	3,212,000	6,976,171
Lawrence, Mass.....	211,075	72,660	132,420	Miami Beach, Fla.....	650,582	3,920,592
Lowell, Mass.....	273,010	44,165	105,250	Norfolk, Va.....	1,375,905	972,507
Lynn, Mass.....	155,050	202,300	200,300	Richmond, Va.....	1,969,199	684,871
Manchester, N. H.....	227,580	271,516	551,129	Rosnoke, Va.....	1,153,531	657,531
Nedford, Mass.....	87,450	125,775	92,710	Savannah, Ga.....	378,400	635,975
New Bedford, Mass.....	171,120	116,555	1,193,934	Tampa, Fla.....	8,044,283	3,090,940
New Britain, Conn.....	306,100	196,550	279,650	Washington, D. C.....	3,398,227	5,362,055
New Haven, Conn.....	629,509	1,861,553	651,899	Winston Salem, N. C.....	2,035,534	1,188,517
Newton, Mass.....	178,595	303,460	303,460	Total So. Atlantic....	\$44,015,042	\$46,488,242
Norwalk, Conn.....	780,130	1,215,721	396,970			
Portland, Me.....	1,367,948	600,858	194,940	<b>East Central:</b>		
Providence, R. I.....	305,750	858,750	302,100	Akron, Ohio.....	\$3,159,912	\$2,013,122
Quincy, Mass.....	311,345	95,925	218,771	Bay City, Mich.....	114,400	126,577
Salem, Mass.....	261,025	416,470	101,770	Berwyn, Ills.....	126,100	367,300
Somerville, Mass.....	107,846	9,475	24,225	Bluefield, W. Va.....	26,760	130,699
Springfield, Mass.....	898,015	1,066,184	3,094,206	Centon, Ohio.....	694,588	222,425
Stamford, Conn.....	1,113,743	775,384	1,173,750	Chicago, Ills.....	21,769,809	16,005,500
Waterbury, Conn.....	401,480	565,900	310,750	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2,838,260	2,836,060
West Hartford, Conn.....	1,274,004	804,545	472,557	Clarkburg, W. Va.....	61,032	133,555
Worcester, Mass.....	531,880	399,550	627,150	Cleveland, Ohio.....	3,403,000	2,861,200
Total New England....	\$15,915,875	\$23,069,390	\$16,985,356	Columbus, Ohio.....	2,387,420	2,089,950
				Dayton, Ohio.....	1,209,014	3,079,020
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>						
Manhattan.....	\$59,303,700	\$24,145,800	\$31,610,298	Detroit, Mich.....	8,418,478	8,448,079
Manhattan.....	2,930,700	1,757,450	2,397,350	East St. Louis, Ills.....	653,300	351,590
Bronx.....	4,443,950	2,258,552	5,241,700	Evansville, Ind.....	666,753	503,600
Bronx.....	550,753	1,461,480	455,480	Evansville, Ind.....	638,624	464,502
Brooklyn.....	5,815,200	5,491,550	3,909,600	Flint, Mich.....	1,081,510	1,577,685
Brooklyn.....	606,560	2,444,225	2,430,110	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	1,214,925	1,008,931
Queens.....	12,513,490	8,995,399	13,329,381	Garv, Ind.....	1,258,307	1,259,787
Queens.....	1,825,800	447,785	1,529,075	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	612,645	500,975
Richmond.....	817,100	917,300	786,250	Green Bay, Wisc.....	405,017	5,666,274
Richmond.....	165,300	83,525	46,705	Hammond, Ind.....	1,675,175	670,465
Total N. Y. City.....	\$89,172,555	\$47,687,734	\$61,735,949	Huntington, W. Va.....	177,075	291,390
(a) Alterations.....				Indianapolis, Ind.....	2,838,696	649,413
Albany, N. Y.....	\$254,480	\$267,646	\$395,595	Lansing, Mich.....	879,410	4,812,200
Allentown, Pa.....	236,535	1,071,200	2,260,150	Lima, Ohio.....	143,600	95,900
Altoona, Pa.....	191,298	76,0325	82,235	Louisville, Ky.....	3,685,227	715,741
Atlantic City, N. J.....	937,713	87,167	1,059,409	Madison, Wisc.....	575,660	737,880
Auburn, N. Y.....	42,700	22,750	111,359	Milwaukee, Wisc.....	5,384,135	14,214,353
Bayonne, N. J.....	55,365	34,955	94,875	Neper, Ohio.....	308,360	629,650
Binghamton, N. Y.....	125,011	52,079	56,779	Oak Park, Ills.....	81,398	81,398
Buffalo, N. Y.....	738,270	1,287,389	618,190	Pearia, Ills.....	1,448,917	1,962,747
Camden, N. J.....	177,223	106,142	146,752	Pontiac, Mich.....	608,698	484,083
East Orange, N. J.....	3,140,778	109,441	195,140	Quincy, Ills.....	163,325	274,370
Elizabeth, N. J.....	135,674	95,102	388,455	Racine, Wisc.....	684,875	472,860
Elmira, N. Y.....	58,125	49,800	22,925	Rockford, Ills.....	735,205	921,625
Erle, Pa.....	416,700	475,250	395,210	Saginaw, Mich.....	500,480	323,928
Harrisburg, Pa.....	354,648	300,657	307,407	South Bend, Ind.....	588,535	639,650
Jamestown, N. Y.....	57,950	1,658,353	29,330	Springfield, Ills.....	2,641,709	213,265
Jersey City, N. J.....	321,636	108,650	223,350	Springfield, Ohio.....	41,200	129,800
Lancaster, Pa.....	157,352	365,501	108,473	Superior, Wisc.....	206,955	9,625
Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	192,083	283,045	830,204	Terre Haute, Ind.....	165,701	95,250
Newark, N. J.....	2,584,252	328,150	3,973,535	Toledo, Ohio.....	1,003,640	889,205
New Brunswick, N. J.....	127,500	192,100	87,900	Waukegan, Ills.....	1,710,630	371,058
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	946,340	2,748,795	542,072	Wheeling, W. Va.....	246,535	153,500
Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	461,179	604,390	604,390	Youngstown, Ohio.....	1,045,437	543,760
Philadelphia, Pa.....	6,124,910	8,658,580	6,894,326	Zanesville, Ohio.....	61,760	34,145
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	2,112,621	2,188,443	1,310,136	Total East Central..	\$78,204,904	\$80,681,763
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	291,086	14,265	175,225			
Reading, Pa.....	256,085	740,813	228,653	<b>South Central:</b>		
Rochester, N. Y.....	460,372	333,670	333,670	Abilene, Texas.....	\$2,147,097	\$2,187,956
Schenectady, N. Y.....	135,400	147,939	110,951	Amarillo, Texas.....	1,649,908	2,071,820
Syracuse, N. Y.....	78,730	68,563	423,720	Arlington, Texas.....	2,242,850	2,824,250
Syracuse, N. Y.....	727,690	693,000	1,047,350	Beaumont, Texas.....	442,633	799,029
Troy, N. Y.....	176,545	66,093	11,000	Birmingham, Ala.....	2,364,225	3,347,861
Utica, N. Y.....	11,500	18,250	49,000	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	595,206	595,206
Watertown, N. Y.....	25,076	4,300	103,815	Dallas, Texas.....	12,059,207	19,299,280
White Plains, N. Y.....	2,954,615	273,345	1,252,550	El Paso, Texas.....	2,545,021	3,404,705
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	151,762	353,549	102,214	Fort Smith, Ark.....	265,547	393,647
Williamsport, Pa.....	90,744	139,730	493,720	Fort Worth, Texas.....	3,416,504	5,415,020
Wilmington, Del.....	463,973	469,396	553,437	Galveston, Texas.....	377,745	200,285
Yonkers, N. Y.....	1,147,676	563,025	903,948	Houston, Texas.....	16,283,631	10,760,846
York, Pa.....	213,700	85,864	148,166	Jackson, Miss.....	939,523	1,495,558
Total Middle Atl.....	\$116,366,738	\$75,664,034	\$88,111,540	Knoxville, Tenn.....	1,751,600	579,307
				Little Rock, Ark.....	380,221	1,140,551
				Memphis, Tenn.....	2,024,854	4,351,573
				Mobile, Ala.....	1,562,758	1,033,980

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So. Cent. (Cont'd)				Mountains			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$1,229,640	\$1,202,221	\$1,108,997	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$2,402,721	\$2,172,900	\$4,276,488
Muskogee, Okla.....	92,050	117,950	64,050	Billings, Mont.....	237,550	61,000	120,000
Nashville, Tenn.....	329,133	519,717	1,641,911	Boise, Idaho.....	220,778	677,690	281,961
New Orleans, La.....	4,386,107	21,266,583	8,059,778	Butte, Mont.....	27,750	32,006	29,719
Oklahoma City, Okla..	2,671,933	3,586,075	2,964,833	Colorado Springs, Col	984,370	1,376,052	1,665,278
Port Arthur, Texas...	246,917	688,343	351,519	Denver, Col.....	7,167,425	7,128,700	8,722,403
San Angelo, Texas...	604,686	767,127	663,075	Great Falls, Mont...	429,493	120,900	386,606
San Antonio, Texas...	10,124,603	5,587,002	6,162,832	Ogden, Utah.....	192,700	659,800	305,800
Shreveport, La.....	3,070,906	1,625,940	2,635,544	Phoenix, Ariz.....	2,112,177	1,409,566	1,171,256
Tulsa, Okla.....	1,107,650	1,356,440	1,821,250	Pueblo, Col.....	681,739	1,191,140	367,652
Waco, Texas.....	994,761	1,048,113	1,032,400	Salt Lake City, Utah	1,296,267	1,337,033	1,237,551
Wichita Falls, Texas...	1,243,642	1,083,325	633,614	Tucson, Ariz.....	2,742,772	1,517,967	883,242
Total So. Central...	\$77,236,207	\$98,976,940	\$90,327,695	Total Mountains.....	\$18,495,762	\$18,690,754	\$19,455,956
West Central				Pacific			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$483,103	\$980,510	\$1,370,435	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$998,509	\$2,210,942	\$1,785,776
Davenport, Iowa.....	590,356	571,652	234,610	Berkeley, Cal.....	520,591	533,348	657,718
Des Moines, Iowa.....	1,145,045	832,740	654,825	Beverly Hills, Cal...	649,511	832,841	546,406
Dubuque, Iowa.....	1,549,488	24,049	64,650	Fresno, Cal.....	957,218	2,025,500	1,080,495
Duluth, Minn.....	168,707	160,640	291,915	Glendale, Cal.....	1,923,989	649,935	2,847,514
Fargo, N. D.....	36,900	206,975	37,025	Long Beach, Cal.....	2,796,945	5,301,880	2,477,040
Kansas City, Kas.....	284,887	1,767,035	1,049,479	Los Angeles, Cal.....	31,356,360	30,855,226	40,100,044
Kansas City, Mo.....	1,903,000	2,940,000	3,062,000	Oakland, Cal.....	2,430,360	1,935,227	2,215,897
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,049,559	681,949	576,102	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,428,545	1,434,464	1,555,659
Minneapolis, Minn...	1,001,206	1,211,639	1,285,046	Portland, Ore.....	2,412,030	4,583,405	3,499,560
Omaha, Neb.....	2,002,955	670,960	1,336,000	Sacramento, Cal.....	1,922,035	2,387,409	5,953,771
St. Joseph, Mo.....	254,200	1,094,450	93,600	San Diego, Cal.....	6,394,897	8,764,305	3,999,674
St. Louis, Mo.....	2,957,365	2,412,415	1,627,223	San Francisco, Cal...	2,997,217	4,744,284	9,608,039
St. Paul, Minn.....	1,303,288	1,212,828	1,212,152	San Jose, Cal.....	2,496,010	1,987,710	9,470,165
Sioux City, Iowa...	269,000	134,400	268,700	Seattle, Wash.....	4,371,350	4,871,575	4,701,070
Sioux Falls, S. D....	168,732	328,590	328,182	Spokane, Wash.....	928,502	1,303,042	1,820,990
Topeka, Kas.....	673,150	133,520	386,810	Stockton, Cal.....	756,996	852,099	751,187
Wichita, Kas.....	5,047,533	6,699,960	2,148,531	Tacoma, Wash.....	1,160,286	1,174,100	1,010,192
Total West Central...	\$20,888,474	\$22,074,312	\$16,227,585	Total Pacific.....	\$66,499,347	\$76,446,932	\$88,083,197
				Total 215 Cities.....	\$437,622,349	\$442,092,367	\$431,357,658

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New England				Middle Atl. (Cont'd)			
Boston, Mass.....	\$6,227,183	\$4,765,141	\$1,816,703	Auburn, N. Y.....	\$154,059	\$82,200	\$17,300
Bridgewater, Conn.....	1,560,740	1,085,900	518,995	Bavon, N. J.....	150,240	101,850	122,395
Bristol, Conn.....	779,916	302,979	493,298	Binghamton, N. Y....	181,790	194,909	138,930
Brockton, Mass.....	726,255	698,210	263,652	Buffalo, N. Y.....	1,356,460	2,290,256	1,388,941
Cambridge, Mass.....	335,615	279,511	387,080	Camden, N. J.....	323,975	322,789	248,400
Chelsea, Mass.....	92,335	38,376	35,960	East Orange, N. J....	3,335,918	221,620	220,138
Everett, Mass.....	89,061	306,400	870,545	Elizabeth, N. J.....	524,129	277,962	3,174,890
Fall River, Mass.....	174,325	207,288	182,891	Elmira, N. Y.....	81,050	56,555	91,620
Fitchburg, Mass.....	122,405	47,630	50,400	Eric, Pa.....	813,910	985,770	994,639
Greenwich, Conn.....	1,540,954	1,385,890	2,606,492	Harrisburg, Pa.....	662,055	6,464,507	8,727,597
Hartford, Conn.....	1,208,496	9,549,480	2,164,308	James town, N. Y....	87,280	1,956,499	242,937
Haverhill, Mass.....	54,075	266,745	78,950	Jersey City, N. J....	545,186	2,591,180	312,380
Holyoke, Mass.....	170,675	447,750	131,000	Lancaster, Pa.....	265,825	431,591	637,635
Lawrence, Mass.....	343,495	148,685	56,322	Mount Vernon, N. Y.	1,022,287	708,048	263,490
Lowell, Mass.....	778,260	1,119,950	232,950	Newark, N. J.....	6,197,787	1,996,755	835,676
Lynn, Mass.....	355,350	420,500	1,111,381	New Brunswick, N. J.	215,400	257,100	244,600
Manchester, N. H....	780,709	515,267	508,218	New Rochelle, N. Y..	1,488,412	3,408,475	849,784
Medford, Mass.....	180,160	152,800	667,125	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	1,067,569	1,109,542	538,989
New Bedford, Mass...	1,365,054	201,400	213,755	Philadelphia, Pa.....	13,019,230	18,820,220	27,883,560
New Britain, Conn...	585,750	638,250	399,405	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	3,422,757	14,154,385	2,794,088
New Haven, Conn.....	1,281,408	2,230,648	2,948,951	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	466,311	82,399	48,571
Newton, Mass.....	278,655	539,205	1,015,963	Reading, Pa.....	464,738	967,207	635,867
Norwalk, Conn.....	1,177,100	2,361,571	1,124,882	Rochester, N. Y....	800,042	4,038,023	3,468,167
Portland, Me.....	1,562,888	694,611	178,150	Schenectady, N. Y..	246,351	268,600	220,197
Providence, R. I....	607,850	1,799,400	532,900	Scranton, Pa.....	502,150	1,030,428	77,490
Quincy, Mass.....	530,116	258,765	354,888	Syracuse, N. Y.....	1,775,040	1,518,900	3,260,290
Salem, Mass.....	362,795	511,380	81,450	Troy, N. Y.....	187,545	256,816	66,715
Somerville, Mass...	132,071	38,005	40,728	Utica, N. Y.....	60,500	104,000	110,940
Springfield, Mass...	3,992,221	2,156,945	857,670	Watertown, N. Y....	128,891	28,910	28,175
Stamford, Conn.....	2,287,493	1,995,066	1,106,602	White Plains, N. Y..	4,207,165	963,795	2,561,970
Waterbury, Conn.....	712,230	1,100,354	187,800	Wilkes Barre, Pa....	253,976	400,137	462,758
West Hartford, Conn.	1,746,561	1,239,655	1,309,238	Williamsport, Pa....	333,431	246,408	86,335
Worcester, Mass.....	1,159,030	894,407	661,650	Wilmington, Del...	1,017,410	862,124	806,434
Total New England...	\$32,901,231	\$37,419,404	\$23,390,305	Yonkers, N. Y.....	2,051,624	933,260	2,328,700
				York, Pa.....	361,666	236,484	246,390
Middle Atlantic				Total Middle Atl....	\$204,478,278	\$169,133,632	\$149,075,865
Manhattan.....	\$90,913,998	\$44,043,300	\$7,158,500	South Atlantic			
Manhattan.....	5,328,050	4,805,380	12,914,315	Asheville, N. C.....	\$576,586	\$378,900	\$469,116
Bronx.....	9,685,650	5,781,702	8,594,300	Atlanta, Ga.....	8,775,131	16,282,570	8,534,214
Bronx.....	1,006,235	1,430,883	746,950	Augusta, Ga.....	832,854	756,743	888,410
Brooklyn.....	9,724,800	10,834,000	10,382,250	Baltimore, Md.....	13,320,396	19,851,668	13,595,208
Brooklyn.....	3,236,670	3,697,165	2,632,520	Charlotte, S. C....	383,317	390,002	417,965
Queens.....	25,842,871	22,929,504	37,642,730	Charlotte, N. C....	4,155,397	2,682,193	2,835,787
Queens.....	3,354,875	1,812,585	2,164,825	Coral Gables, Fla...	1,769,283	2,158,951	3,065,693
Richmond.....	1,603,350	1,645,975	670,914	Greensboro, N. C....	2,533,825	1,213,815	1,313,550
Richmond.....	212,005	130,345	208,857	Greenville, S. C....	1,146,906	907,550	1,534,255
Total New York City.	\$150,908,504	\$97,110,839	\$83,116,161	Jacksonville, Fla...	3,973,241	2,908,182	15,185,272
(*) Alterations.	(*) Alterations.			Lynchburg, Va.....	866,595	899,064	704,641
Albany, N. Y.....	\$650,075	\$2,633,978	\$586,638	Macon, Ga.....	633,860	456,886	392,884
Albany, N. Y.....	2,496,685	1,296,700	531,285	Miami, Fla.....	6,990,088	10,542,670	6,121,825
Albany, Pa.....	273,533	191,874	112,031	Miami Beach, Fla...	1,531,131	4,270,751	5,101,511
Atlantic City, N. J.	1,997,122	188,537	390,752	Norfolk, Va.....	2,131,581	1,751,357	1,927,086

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<b>South Atl. (Cont.)</b>				<b>South Cent. (Cont.)</b>			
Richmond, Va.....	\$3,443,163	\$2,293,215	\$3,363,223	Mobile, Ala.....	\$2,679,480	\$2,145,054	\$2,839,774
Roanoke, Va.....	2,558,604	1,821,058	1,609,124	Montgomery, Ala.....	2,338,637	2,420,982	1,757,366
Savannah, Ga.....	729,634	1,125,005	5,144,173	Muskogee, Okla.....	156,100	161,700	100,100
Tampa, Fla.....	11,359,869	8,244,567	5,649,256	Nashville, Tenn.....	1,971,044	1,427,090	694,594
Washington, D. C.....	6,926,494	5,516,163	5,797,971	New Orleans, La.....	12,447,885	35,138,483	8,020,477
Winston Salem, N. C.	2,740,853	1,907,779	2,607,223	Oklaoma City, Okla.	5,636,766	5,992,241	8,570,206
<b>Total South Atl.....</b>	<b>\$77,376,818</b>	<b>\$89,289,089</b>	<b>\$86,047,987</b>	Port Arthur, Texas...	600,436	1,037,510	352,130
<b>East Central:</b>				San Antonio, Texas...	1,267,761	1,451,551	218,116
Akron, Ohio.....	\$7,049,274	\$3,087,755	\$1,771,006	San Antonio, Texas...	16,287,435	11,272,753	6,037,012
Bay City, Mich.....	331,348	301,094	502,407	Shreveport, La.....	5,706,450	3,319,636	3,051,160
Berwyn, Ills.....	256,799	565,379	550,656	Tulsa, Okla.....	2,928,900	3,277,540	4,857,440
Bluefield, W. Va.....	266,734	40,460	157,950	Waco, Texas.....	2,027,161	2,622,137	2,150,502
Canton, Ohio.....	979,528	750,014	480,200	Wichita Falls, Texas...	1,877,256	1,996,594	1,304,128
Chicago, Ills.....	47,639,194	29,102,600	31,794,106	<b>Total South Cent.....</b>	<b>\$167,563,902</b>	<b>\$177,066,043</b>	<b>\$118,192,914</b>
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5,215,930	5,603,525	6,165,540	<b>West Central:</b>			
Clarksburg, W. Va....	105,738	223,347	187,871	Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$1,853,538	\$1,445,350	\$741,617
Cleveland, Ohio.....	10,102,800	5,926,100	7,740,800	Davenport, Iowa.....	824,966	846,120	701,953
Columbus, Ohio.....	4,477,370	4,117,085	4,306,010	Des Moines, Iowa.....	1,799,870	1,273,526	2,997,018
Dayton, Ohio.....	2,650,734	3,704,875	3,304,235	Dubuque, Iowa.....	1,614,138	99,569	374,701
Detroit, Mich.....	16,706,742	22,804,163	13,553,216	Duluth, Minn.....	460,622	278,590	135,300
East St. Louis, Ills...	945,900	1,256,540	1,256,540	Fargo, N. D.....	73,925	369,405	147,800
Evansville, Ind.....	1,755,761	861,876	800,625	Kansas City, Kas.....	1,334,366	2,390,968	1,519,575
Evansville, Ind.....	760,734	806,062	393,014	Kansas City, Mo.....	4,965,000	8,536,000	6,430,000
Flint, Mich.....	3,372,020	2,828,130	2,919,930	Lincoln, Neb.....	1,625,661	1,873,394	1,269,468
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	2,386,184	3,737,351	6,679,476	Minneapolis, Minn...	2,286,252	3,263,923	1,949,878
Gary, Ind.....	2,266,763	1,834,324	1,969,994	Omaha, Neb.....	3,539,155	1,377,970	1,384,413
Grand Rapids, Mich...	1,019,715	1,025,650	1,260,235	St. Louis, Mo.....	4,584,588	11,562,460	5,600,270
Green Bay, Wis.....	960,626	6,066,924	661,260	St. Paul, Minn.....	2,515,440	3,297,551	2,463,464
Hammond, Ind.....	3,029,281	1,802,653	3,309,480	Sioux City, Iowa.....	537,700	276,950	405,250
Huntington, W. Va....	372,687	522,140	487,654	Sioux Falls, S. D....	496,914	541,885	249,701
Indianapolis, Ind.....	5,232,698	2,331,718	4,559,667	Topeka, Kas.....	1,059,960	330,345	841,523
Lansing, Mich.....	1,572,385	5,276,515	1,403,677	Wichita, Kas.....	7,196,164	10,173,485	4,605,363
Lima, Ohio.....	236,675	517,125	271,575	<b>Total West Central...</b>	<b>\$37,116,059</b>	<b>\$49,113,191</b>	<b>\$32,096,022</b>
Louisville, Ky.....	4,959,940	2,631,876	1,195,372	<b>Mountain:</b>			
Madison, Wis.....	877,070	1,322,660	664,142	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$6,679,209	\$6,285,079	\$4,463,000
Milwaukee, Wis.....	10,243,092	16,875,833	7,268,949	Billings, Mont.....	363,550	232,550	1,286,800
Newark, Ohio.....	430,060	803,900	601,700	Boise, Idaho.....	502,739	861,064	272,036
Oak Park, Ills.....	328,445	403,203	208,450	Butte, Mont.....	57,469	65,284	33,157
Peoria, Ills.....	1,715,124	2,553,491	626,830	Colorado Springs, Col.	2,649,468	2,551,975	1,284,286
Pontiac, Mich.....	1,188,023	1,596,266	1,270,156	Denver, Col.....	15,889,829	17,969,600	13,653,164
Quincy, Ills.....	300,443	468,910	468,910	Great Falls, Mont...	816,028	525,720	266,900
Racine, Wis.....	1,726,713	1,327,064	1,903,150	Ogden, Utah.....	498,500	797,500	812,900
Rockford, Ills.....	2,011,695	1,577,035	656,567	Phoenix, Ariz.....	3,283,433	2,210,306	1,924,527
Saginaw, Mich.....	789,522	1,431,742	2,046,238	Pueblo, Col.....	1,049,391	2,022,581	1,120,935
South Bend, Ind.....	1,206,941	1,709,045	9,277,350	Salt Lake City, Ute...	2,533,638	1,691,135	1,808,214
Springfield, Ills...	2,805,363	599,340	9,277,350	Tucson, Ariz.....	3,628,014	1,999,457	1,292,324
Springfield, Ohio.....	151,000	289,900	836,000	<b>Total Mountain.....</b>	<b>\$37,951,718</b>	<b>\$37,212,251</b>	<b>\$28,218,243</b>
Superior, Wis.....	372,440	16,175	474,860	<b>Pacific:</b>			
Terre Haute, Ind.....	283,101	171,751	203,626	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$2,734,281	\$2,827,949	\$3,750,323
Toledo, Ohio.....	1,834,790	1,472,885	3,002,847	Berkeley, Cal.....	1,178,309	1,052,448	612,257
Waukegan, Ills.....	2,416,910	526,308	209,395	Beverly Hills, Cal...	1,197,917	1,480,225	1,087,353
Wheeling, W. Va.....	685,261	344,300	469,450	Fresno, Cal.....	2,037,713	3,574,662	2,724,069
Youngstown, Ohio.....	2,691,426	989,460	777,442	Glendale, Cal.....	4,771,503	1,476,466	1,864,332
Zanesville, Ohio.....	97,610	73,992	111,145	Long Beach, Cal.....	5,273,985	8,081,195	6,027,035
<b>Total East Central...</b>	<b>\$157,009,457</b>	<b>\$143,122,625</b>	<b>\$131,850,042</b>	Los Angeles, Cal.....	71,454,404	65,119,387	52,039,787
<b>South Central:</b>				Oakland, Cal.....	4,646,257	3,268,775	3,021,191
Abilene, Texas.....	\$3,958,606	\$3,200,374	\$1,560,646	Pasadena, Cal.....	2,984,204	2,187,149	1,839,020
Amarillo, Texas.....	3,441,363	3,898,700	1,836,740	Portland, Ore.....	5,911,500	6,717,788	4,465,665
Austin, Texas.....	5,835,050	5,800,160	4,832,714	Sacramento, Cal.....	7,671,806	3,775,960	3,854,091
Beaumont, Texas.....	3,650,747	1,426,938	2,029,363	San Diego, Cal.....	10,394,571	17,947,777	15,989,591
Birmingham, Ala.....	5,506,411	6,026,805	3,029,805	San Francisco, Cal...	12,605,256	7,641,109	4,590,805
Chattanooga, Tenn...	1,565,900	1,233,240	1,571,866	San Jose, Cal.....	5,966,175	3,226,785	2,392,295
Dallas, Texas.....	36,213,132	31,903,495	18,142,697	Seattle, Wash.....	9,072,420	12,234,035	10,423,190
El Paso, Texas.....	5,342,357	5,967,950	3,051,971	Spokane, Wash.....	2,749,492	2,340,536	4,087,826
Fort Smith, Ark.....	823,758	689,571	706,545	Stockton, Cal.....	1,508,183	1,367,962	1,405,986
Fort Worth, Texas...	5,762,679	8,536,730	5,986,945	Tacoma, Wash.....	2,170,478	2,046,460	2,273,136
Galveston, Texas.....	738,448	351,915	272,761	<b>Total Pacific.....</b>	<b>\$154,582,544</b>	<b>\$146,304,657</b>	<b>\$122,467,980</b>
Houston, Texas.....	26,469,996	21,130,072	22,593,740	<b>Total 217 Cities....</b>	<b>\$668,980,007</b>	<b>\$848,720,892</b>	<b>\$691,339,358</b>
Jackson, Miss.....	2,435,081	2,612,967	2,103,880				
Knoxville, Tenn.....	2,405,515	1,376,152	1,160,339				
Little Rock, Ark.....	1,060,923	2,097,736	1,329,675				
Memphis, Tenn.....	6,409,605	8,549,311	6,787,731				

## BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1954 TO DATE

	TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Jan....	\$431,357,658	\$406,628,525	\$345,352,829	\$61,735,949	\$49,423,105	\$32,068,684	\$369,621,709	\$357,205,420	\$313,284,145
Feb....	437,622,349	442,092,367	345,986,529	89,172,555	47,687,734	51,047,477	348,449,794	394,404,633	294,939,052
Mar....	542,997,099	512,663,611	489,888,868	59,577,593	99,045,726	48,412,916	483,412,916	413,617,985	413,617,985
Apr....	521,173,029	489,888,868	435,015,419	49,939,804	55,063,895	43,824,973	471,233,165	434,824,973	434,824,973
May....	565,327,637	435,015,419	435,015,419	65,782,634	35,373,510	49,545,003	499,545,003	399,641,909	399,641,909
June....	634,030,839	523,169,936	448,439,021	99,080,484	39,149,744	534,950,355	534,950,355	484,020,192	484,020,192
July....	511,841,797	448,439,021	459,157,830	51,383,412	40,301,251	460,458,385	460,458,385	408,137,770	408,137,770
Aug....	555,829,122	459,157,830	482,032,488	41,436,766	30,841,192	514,392,356	514,392,356	428,316,638	428,316,638
Sept....	477,025,801	482,032,488	463,728,026	58,177,460	47,413,380	418,848,341	418,848,341	434,619,108	434,619,108
Oct....	487,392,751	463,728,026	407,797,197	44,087,975	30,760,116	443,604,776	443,604,776	432,967,910	432,967,910
Nov....	429,366,384	407,797,197	349,091,618	55,764,815	45,195,814	373,601,569	373,601,569	382,683,383	382,683,383
Dec....	349,091,618	408,240,808	45,121,585	40,309,360	303,970,033	368,631,448	368,631,448	368,631,448	368,631,448
Total....	\$5,922,796,969	\$5,342,254,562	\$667,463,417	\$546,570,149	\$5,255,333,552	\$4,795,684,413			

# NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	FEB. 1956	JAN. 1956	DEC. 1955	FEB. 1955	1956	TWO MONTHS 1955	1954	1953
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>								
Maine.....	42	65	52	38	107	90	70	81
New Hampshire.....	31	48	41	28	79	53	52	63
Vermont.....	11	21	22	13	32	34	21	24
Massachusetts.....	328	379	571	347	707	688	554	562
Connecticut.....	216	209	199	172	425	379	285	281
Rhode Island.....	115	110	118	94	225	197	153	119
Total New England.....	743	832	1,003	692	1,575	1,441	1,135	1,130
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>								
New York.....	2,454	3,040	2,180	2,382	5,494	5,525	4,361	4,172
New Jersey.....	746	877	622	713	1,623	1,507	1,110	1,117
Pennsylvania.....	405	425	332	354	830	738	604	533
Total Middle Atlantic.....	3,605	4,342	3,134	3,449	7,947	7,770	6,075	5,822
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>								
Ohio.....	740	802	589	575	1,542	1,355	1,132	1,086
Indiana.....	203	186	254	173	389	337	244	262
Illinois.....	685	647	576	468	1,332	1,092	907	824
Michigan.....	517	395	256	410	912	900	718	526
Wisconsin.....	222	216	175	205	438	399	234	217
Total East North Central.....	2,367	2,246	1,850	1,831	4,613	4,083	3,235	2,915
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>								
Minnesota.....	132	155	165	143	287	330	246	233
Iowa.....	58	69	79	68	127	145	74	82
Missouri.....	184	296	239	213	480	445	332	290
North Dakota.....	17	24	25	19	37	43	30	47
South Dakota.....	15	20	21	26	39	49	35	51
Nebraska.....	75	56	56	49	131	124	79	59
Kansas.....	78	87	93	77	165	166	112	76
Total West North Central.....	559	707	678	595	1,266	1,302	908	838
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>								
Maryland.....	231	198	237	215	429	471	343	342
Delaware.....	261	264	344	276	525	634	461	470
Virginia.....	199	233	160	156	432	354	263	286
West Virginia.....	40	97	56	50	137	130	133	122
North Carolina.....	168	174	179	151	342	326	226	259
South Carolina.....	94	114	88	72	208	147	116	124
Georgia.....	163	208	167	146	371	351	273	222
Florida.....	643	709	667	581	1,352	1,189	780	751
Total South Atlantic.....	1,799	1,997	1,898	1,647	3,796	3,602	2,595	2,576
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>								
Kentucky.....	97	121	135	83	218	166	119	110
Tennessee.....	123	147	134	122	270	280	196	167
Alabama.....	121	103	66	82	224	170	119	141
Mississippi.....	51	62	58	52	113	104	87	62
Total East South Central.....	392	433	393	339	825	720	521	480
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>								
Arkansas.....	79	74	22	55	153	100	77	98
Oklahoma.....	131	146	142	136	277	264	172	174
Louisiana.....	132	183	114	116	315	258	172	201
Texas.....	807	329	513	542	1,136	941	571	683
Total West South Central.....	1,149	732	791	849	1,881	1,563	992	1,156
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>								
Montana.....	29	15	32	25	44	57	50	44
Idaho.....	40	59	26	31	99	70	56	53
Wyoming.....	24	25	18	20	49	50	38	23
Colorado.....	131	143	133	166	274	352	218	140
New Mexico.....	38	29	38	34	67	89	56	57
Arizona.....	113	123	122	79	236	210	159	128
Utah.....	52	43	44	69	95	127	92	56
Nevada.....	91	80	96	124	171	219	112	113
Total Mountain.....	518	517	509	548	1,035	1,174	781	614
<b>PACIFIC</b>								
Washington.....	136	168	143	143	304	298	199	195
Oregon.....	93	108	87	90	201	207	111	157
California.....	1,142	1,281	1,053	1,186	2,423	2,390	1,524	1,528
Total Pacific.....	1,371	1,557	1,283	1,419	2,928	2,895	1,834	1,880
TOTAL 48 STATES.....	12,503	13,363	11,539	11,369	25,866	24,550	18,076	17,411

## NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—JULY 1946 TO DATE

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
January.....	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112	13,006
February.....	12,503	13,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111	10,554
March.....	13,417	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247	12,225
April.....	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802	12,469	12,469
May.....	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	12,044	12,044
June.....	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	11,402	11,402
July.....	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	11,987	11,987
August.....	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	10,400	10,400
September.....	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	9,551	9,551
October.....	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	10,799	10,799
November.....	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,956	6,755	6,413	7,873	8,485	8,485
December.....	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	9,994	9,994
Total.....	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	132,916	132,916

# Failures by Divisions of Industry—February and 2 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS			MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
<b>Mining &amp; Manufacturing:</b>												
Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous...	2	6	8	4	10	12	1,618	763	749	1,732	961	1,132
Food & Kindred Products.....	24	17	16	40	37	35	1,549	1,452	1,031	2,432	2,519	3,341
Textile Mill Products & Apparel...	46	46	50	102	92	103	3,500	1,323	2,692	6,007	3,724	4,701
Lumber & Lumber Products.....	32	17	28	62	40	49	2,446	668	1,406	3,710	1,345	2,288
Paper, Printing & Publishing.....	10	8	9	19	22	26	197	327	351	453	1,295	354
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	3	2	5	7	5	14	182	150	207	1,999	776	734
Leather & Leather Products.....	9	5	9	13	17	18	594	87	108	912	677	1,165
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	..	2	4	1	4	7	..	35	307	55	293	411
Iron, Steel & Products.....	10	12	12	22	26	22	937	3,193	1,833	2,818	4,523	2,615
Machinery.....	33	30	26	57	47	39	5,345	6,176	11,147	6,411	7,719	11,716
Transportation Equipment.....	7	4	5	13	10	8	419	1,335	1,292	1,277	1,874	1,481
Miscellaneous.....	26	39	35	71	73	66	840	3,243	1,920	4,353	4,768	3,819
<b>Total Mining &amp; Manufacturing.....</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>17,647</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>23,643</b>	<b>32,089</b>	<b>30,558</b>	<b>34,474</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade:</b>												
Food & Farm Products.....	24	25	25	54	55	45	812	1,231	701	1,884	2,259	1,343
Apparel.....	8	8	2	14	13	7	199	199	23	442	302	157
Dry Goods.....	3	2	5	6	7	7	59	181	220	128	392	387
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	19	11	11	29	23	16	1,314	590	988	1,965	984	1,123
Chemicals & Drugs.....	1	3	1	7	7	6	7	57	18	126	174	280
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment.....	5	9	2	9	13	6	292	304	234	647	300	300
Miscellaneous.....	48	46	41	95	100	78	2,365	1,776	2,354	4,330	4,220	4,286
<b>Total Wholesale Trade.....</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>9,423</b>	<b>8,729</b>	<b>7,776</b>
<b>Retail Trade:</b>												
Food & Liquor.....	77	63	66	162	146	137	11,038	793	938	2,158	2,373	1,772
General Merchandise.....	24	17	12	44	36	31	2,488	384	148	2,855	1,111	625
Apparel & Accessories.....	100	72	75	206	164	157	3,326	1,458	1,466	5,119	3,250	3,030
Furniture, Home Furnishings.....	77	76	76	155	131	154	2,090	2,310	3,190	4,731	3,761	4,958
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	23	23	20	60	47	42	1,067	574	536	2,196	1,165	1,202
Automotive Group.....	52	31	54	115	72	106	1,578	767	1,801	6,280	1,620	2,462
Eating & Drinking Places.....	94	70	96	171	138	156	2,094	1,596	1,931	4,086	2,817	3,281
Drug Stores.....	17	7	10	26	18	20	338	149	105	338	347	450
Miscellaneous.....	47	53	50	107	116	96	674	697	1,452	1,731	2,131	2,093
<b>Total Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>14,693</b>	<b>8,928</b>	<b>11,770</b>	<b>29,629</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>20,193</b>
<b>Construction:</b>												
General Building Contractors.....	56	38	40	100	64	63	5,788	4,862	2,038	8,991	10,597	3,047
Building Sub-Contractors.....	80	66	63	154	122	118	3,703	2,305	1,468	6,873	5,141	3,206
Other Contractors.....	5	9	6	13	14	14	390	457	576	880	930	995
<b>Total Construction.....</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>9,881</b>	<b>7,624</b>	<b>4,082</b>	<b>16,014</b>	<b>16,668</b>	<b>7,248</b>
<b>Commercial Services:</b>												
Passenger & Freight Transportation..	18	19	29	34	41	45	696	841	2,156	1,416	2,074	4,404
Miscellaneous Public Services...	1	..	3	2	3	4	25	..	182	43	124	186
Hotels.....	4	3	1	11	8	4	597	768	115	2,060	1,445	484
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing.....	3	8	9	14	18	19	40	131	151	159	298	299
Laundries.....	4	6	1	8	12	2	134	130	2	295	409	23
Undertakers.....	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	33	..	..	33	..
Other Personal Services.....	7	5	6	13	14	7	47	76	89	95	151	94
Business & Repair Services.....	25	18	25	52	50	52	381	325	1,646	826	864	1,985
<b>Total Commercial Service.....</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>4,894</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>7,475</b>
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES.....</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>49,189</b>	<b>42,056</b>	<b>47,774</b>	<b>92,079</b>	<b>79,928</b>	<b>77,366</b>

## Failures in Large Cities—February and 2 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS			MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
New York, N. Y.....	172	179	189	380	356	392	6,357	9,231	12,031	12,532	14,769	19,107
Chicago, Ills.....	30	24	26	53	50	41	2,320	1,191	3,789	4,996	1,833	4,375
Philadelphia, Pa.....	27	18	18	53	38	32	868	925	285	1,433	1,451	513
Detroit, Mich.....	9	9	9	23	13	13	408	2,317	596	914	2,450	704
Los Angeles, Cal.....	30	42	53	61	82	92	1,398	1,148	1,364	2,255	2,297	2,614
Cleveland, Ohio.....	18	6	9	25	12	18	280	339	818	516	497	1,212
Baltimore, Md.....	10	8	12	15	17	20	534	134	220	660	252	372
St. Louis, Mo.....	10	4	2	14	5	4	857	36	47	975	67	81
Boston, Mass.....	15	12	8	19	26	17	1,939	350	179	2,114	911	336
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	..	5	4	6	9	10	..	870	66	89	1,451	220
Washington, D. C.....	3	3	4	4	7	12	38	101	152	94	5,952	423
San Francisco, Cal.....	9	17	11	24	35	22	144	803	439	458	1,216	1,128
Milwaukee, Wisc.....	5	18	..	14	25	5	30	378	..	244	584	118
Buffalo, N. Y.....	4	7	2	11	12	8	335	303	63	983	586	279
New Orleans, La.....	3	3	1	7	7	1	63	312	60	192	431	60
Minneapolis, Minn.....	4	4	5	11	9	10	677	168	784	963	324	873
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	3	4	3	7	8	3	80	101	103	142	316	315
Newark, N. J.....	13	6	7	24	16	17	406	153	91	1,807	707	466
Kansas City, Mo.....	1	..	4	4	..	6	73	..	177	217	..	294
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1	1	..	3	4	1	16	120	..	67	198	15
Houston, Texas.....	..	2	4	2	4	9	..	55	598	288	86	941
Seattle, Wash.....	4	9	6	11	13	12	43	309	146	202	372	219
Rochester, N. Y.....	4	3	..	10	7	6	115	28	16	646	74	56
Louisville, Ky.....	5	..	..	7	1	3	206	..	..	217	24	225
Denver, Col.....	14	9	5	21	11	10	375	323	246	558	349	640
<b>Total 25 Cities.....</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>17,562</b>	<b>19,785</b>	<b>22,270</b>	<b>33,562</b>	<b>37,219</b>	<b>35,606</b>
<b>Balance of Country.....</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>31,627</b>	<b>22,271</b>	<b>25,504</b>	<b>58,517</b>	<b>42,709</b>	<b>41,760</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>49,189</b>	<b>42,056</b>	<b>47,774</b>	<b>92,079</b>	<b>79,928</b>	<b>77,366</b>



# United States Failures by States—February and 2 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS			MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
<b>New England:</b>												
Maine.....	2	2	4	5	6	11	53	40	120	76	109	777
New Hampshire.....	..	5	3	..	10	5	..	540	93	..	660	114
Vermont.....	2	1	1	2	2	1	217	22	8	217	43	8
Massachusetts.....	47	28	25	62	68	56	3,589	845	690	4,147	2,448	2,446
Connecticut.....	17	6	17	26	20	25	1,845	237	1,333	2,229	482	1,694
Rhode Island.....	21	8	8	40	18	13	1,069	560	276	3,892	652	362
Total New England.....	89	50	58	135	124	113	6,773	2,244	2,520	10,561	4,394	5,401
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>												
New York.....	233	225	234	508	448	490	8,669	11,624	12,796	17,396	18,574	21,268
New Jersey.....	54	33	29	108	76	75	3,337	1,360	489	6,141	2,889	1,916
Pennsylvania.....	50	48	43	109	111	84	1,857	2,466	737	3,862	5,294	1,562
Total Middle Atlantic.....	337	306	306	725	635	649	13,863	15,450	14,022	27,399	27,457	24,746
<b>East North Central:</b>												
Ohio.....	50	30	34	79	51	64	2,172	969	1,688	3,198	1,602	2,973
Indiana.....	8	8	6	18	17	15	252	344	431	420	1,722	840
Illinois.....	41	37	36	78	67	63	2,747	1,492	4,074	6,115	2,172	5,183
Michigan.....	32	14	20	64	29	30	1,397	2,582	1,070	3,360	3,009	1,406
Wisconsin.....	15	29	6	40	52	22	663	529	103	1,327	1,046	499
Total East North Central..	146	118	102	279	226	194	7,231	5,916	7,366	14,420	9,551	10,901
<b>West North Central:</b>												
Minnesota.....	19	13	15	31	22	25	1,079	2,836	1,759	1,471	3,378	1,919
Iowa.....	4	1	4	15	5	7	96	15	886	552	80	1,028
Missouri.....	14	4	10	25	11	15	1,237	35	343	1,667	301	497
North Dakota.....	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	71	..	..
South Dakota.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nebraska.....	1	2	5	7	3	12	120	65	156	292	78	552
Kansas.....	8	2	2	12	3	8	177	171	106	381	209	238
Total West North Central..	46	22	37	92	45	68	2,709	3,122	3,268	4,434	4,069	4,252
<b>South Atlantic:</b>												
Maryland.....	15	9	18	26	20	27	894	174	395	1,487	463	583
Delaware.....	1	..	..	1	..	..	125	..	..	125	..	..
District of Columbia.....	3	3	4	4	7	12	38	101	152	94	5,952	423
Virginia.....	10	8	15	15	11	17	343	275	720	452	331	776
West Virginia.....	6	13	7	13	16	11	117	796	198	209	876	251
North Carolina.....	10	3	12	20	8	17	191	60	506	422	322	801
South Carolina.....	5	7	8	9	18	12	106	622	268	248	1,180	415
Georgia.....	20	12	10	31	29	30	1,038	357	252	1,407	701	770
Florida.....	34	19	17	71	42	35	813	1,572	1,087	1,671	3,132	1,542
Total South Atlantic.....	104	74	91	190	151	161	3,665	3,957	3,578	6,115	12,957	5,561
<b>East South Central:</b>												
Kentucky.....	8	4	1	12	6	6	261	115	29	293	148	276
Tennessee.....	14	5	8	33	16	13	2,089	80	187	2,382	270	254
Alabama.....	7	6	5	8	13	12	262	225	78	272	485	248
Mississippi.....	6	8	10	11	12	16	284	336	507	352	383	697
Total East South Central..	35	23	24	64	47	47	2,896	756	801	3,299	1,286	1,475
<b>West South Central:</b>												
Arkansas.....	1	2	3	1	8	5	2	30	37	2	358	44
Oklahoma.....	6	3	6	18	9	8	181	192	274	480	377	303
Louisiana.....	7	7	7	17	13	14	343	421	286	712	567	563
Texas.....	27	16	18	56	29	30	1,560	1,062	3,211	5,965	1,454	3,725
Total West South Central..	41	28	34	92	59	57	2,086	1,705	3,808	7,159	2,756	4,635
<b>Mountain:</b>												
Montana.....	3	3	..	7	3	..	85	6	..	93	6	..
Idaho.....	1	1	..	5	1	..	4	75	72	157	75	115
Wyoming.....	..	2	1	..	3	1	..	25	37	..	35	37
Colorado.....	17	11	8	26	13	14	594	368	341	878	394	754
New Mexico.....	5	3	4	6	3	4	116	64	122	117	64	122
Arizona.....	12	5	9	17	20	15	684	143	134	1,052	524	230
Utah.....	4	7	5	10	15	9	98	141	152	241	1,265	303
Nevada.....	3	3	3	11	4	5	578	29	246	1,385	44	264
Total Mountain.....	45	35	31	82	62	52	2,159	851	1,104	4,123	2,407	1,825
<b>Pacific:</b>												
Washington.....	13	23	8	32	38	26	308	754	177	803	1,198	409
Oregon.....	7	2	14	20	10	23	1,234	76	986	1,655	236	1,235
California.....	161	196	221	361	419	403	6,265	7,225	10,144	12,111	13,617	16,926
Total Pacific.....	181	221	243	413	467	452	7,807	8,055	11,307	14,569	15,051	18,570
Total United States.....	1,024	877	926	2,072	1,816	1,793	49,189	42,056	47,774	92,079	79,928	77,366

## Canadian Failures by Provinces—February and 2 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

Canada:	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS			MONTH OF FEBRUARY			TWO MONTHS		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Newfoundland.....	1	2	1	3	3	1	50	24	12	88	106	12
Prince Edward Island.....	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	5	..
Nova Scotia.....	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	40	104	..	40	124
New Brunswick.....	..	..	3	2	1	6	..	..	55	200	29	88
Quebec.....	60	83	74	132	171	125	2,410	1,984	1,452	4,163	3,758	3,475
Ontario.....	44	25	34	80	66	62	1,889	685	3,209	5,236	1,967	6,205
Manitoba.....	3	6	1	8	10	8	49	316	54	160	678	798
Saskatchewan.....	2	3	3	3	6	3	33	348	64	42	362	64
Alberta.....	1	1	6	1	14	11	15	15	458	15	15	974
British Columbia.....	7	5	4	9	14	12	122	29	88	152	424	331
Total Canada.....	118	128	130	238	275	233	4,568	3,466	5,496	10,056	7,384	12,071

# Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—February and 2 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	FEBRUARY 1956				TWO MONTHS 1956				TWO MONTHS 1955			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MINING & MANUFACTURING.....	202	100.0	17,647	17,824	411	100.0	32,089	32,831	383	100.0	30,558	31,130
Under \$5,000.....	12	5.9	37	37	38	9.2	110	110	26	6.8	81	81
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	69	34.2	819	819	146	35.5	1,762	1,762	165	43.1	2,202	2,202
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	67	33.2	3,352	3,352	143	34.8	6,995	6,995	132	34.5	6,635	6,635
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	53	26.2	11,939	12,116	80	19.5	16,738	16,915	56	14.6	13,977	14,427
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.5	1,500	1,500	4	1.0	6,484	7,049	4	1.0	7,663	7,785
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	108	100.0	5,048	5,048	214	100.0	9,423	9,423	218	100.0	8,729	8,729
Under \$5,000.....	10	9.3	32	32	18	8.4	59	59	15	6.9	40	40
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	50	46.3	751	751	93	43.5	1,301	1,301	103	47.2	1,410	1,410
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	37	34.2	1,908	1,908	85	39.7	4,111	4,111	86	39.4	3,868	3,868
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	11	10.2	2,357	2,357	18	8.4	3,952	3,952	13	6.0	2,596	2,596
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.5	1,015	1,015
RETAIL TRADE.....	511	100.0	14,693	14,763	1,046	100.0	29,629	29,831	868	100.0	18,575	19,214
Under \$5,000.....	105	20.5	295	295	219	20.9	611	611	144	16.6	395	395
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	265	51.9	3,098	3,098	548	52.4	6,612	6,612	514	59.2	6,112	6,112
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	114	22.3	4,831	4,831	234	22.4	9,897	9,897	184	21.6	7,885	7,885
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	25	4.9	3,995	4,065	42	4.0	7,035	7,237	26	3.0	4,183	4,822
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.4	2,474	2,474	3	0.3	5,474	5,474	..	..	..	..
CONSTRUCTION.....	141	100.0	9,881	9,881	267	100.0	16,044	16,169	200	100.0	16,668	16,723
Under \$5,000.....	11	7.8	32	32	24	9.0	63	63	29	14.5	88	88
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	57	40.4	795	795	107	40.1	1,446	1,446	86	43.0	1,231	1,231
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	53	37.6	2,806	2,806	101	37.8	5,222	5,222	54	27.0	2,512	2,512
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	18	12.8	3,574	3,574	33	12.4	6,639	6,764	28	14.0	4,857	4,912
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.4	2,674	2,674	2	0.7	2,674	2,674	3	1.5	7,980	7,980
COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....	62	100.0	1,920	1,920	134	100.0	4,894	4,894	147	100.0	5,398	5,398
Under \$5,000.....	21	33.9	59	59	38	28.3	110	110	27	18.4	69	69
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	27	43.6	312	312	64	47.8	755	755	69	46.9	906	906
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	11	17.7	564	564	22	16.4	1,106	1,106	42	28.6	1,908	1,908
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	3	4.8	985	985	10	7.5	2,923	2,923	9	6.1	2,515	2,515
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,024	100.0	49,189	49,436	2,072	100.0	92,079	93,148	1,816	100.0	79,928	81,194
Under \$5,000.....	159	15.5	455	455	337	16.3	953	953	241	13.3	673	673
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	468	45.7	5,775	5,775	958	46.3	11,876	11,876	917	51.6	11,661	11,661
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	282	27.5	13,461	13,461	585	28.2	27,331	27,331	498	27.4	22,808	22,808
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	110	10.8	22,850	23,097	183	8.8	37,287	37,791	132	7.3	27,928	29,072
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	5	0.5	6,648	6,648	9	0.4	14,632	15,197	8	0.4	16,658	16,780

## Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—February 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	22	1,756	10	247	37	2,378	16	2,364	4	46	89	6,791
New York.....(2).....	65	4,985	26	1,101	147	4,567	24	594	16	527	278	11,774
Philadelphia.....(3).....	11	662	6	280	24	578	8	278	2	38	51	1,836
Cleveland.....(4).....	11	1,151	8	451	26	575	11	312	6	103	62	2,592
Richmond.....(5).....	6	465	5	139	26	685	8	380	1	11	48	1,680
Atlanta.....(6).....	15	499	9	586	38	870	13	2,025	1	10	76	3,900
Chicago.....(7).....	26	2,639	12	931	44	797	12	512	5	57	99	4,936
St. Louis.....(8).....	4	1,023	7	223	17	549	4	375	1	10	33	2,180
Minneapolis.....(9).....	1	175	1	15	14	270	2	482	1	100	19	1,042
Kansas City.....(10).....	1	5	3	288	23	545	9	533	3	146	39	1,517
Dallas.....(11).....	7	1,085	3	49	16	322	6	352	3	32	35	1,840
San Francisco.....(12).....	33	3,202	16	738	97	2,557	28	1,674	19	840	195	9,011
Total United States.....	202	17,647	108	5,048	511	14,693	141	9,881	62	1,920	1,024	49,189

## Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	47.9	42.9	39.4	28.2	46.1	40.9	36.8	26.4
February.....	50.9	45.6	47.9	35.6	43.5	38.6	40.9	30.4
March.....	44.0	46.7	32.2	32.2	41.1	43.6	29.8	29.8
April.....	39.7	42.9	40.3	33.3	36.8	39.7	28.1	28.1
May.....	43.7	43.1	31.5	31.5	41.6	41.0	30.0	30.0
June.....	40.2	42.5	35.4	35.4	40.6	42.9	35.8	35.8
July.....	39.1	37.6	31.3	31.3	42.0	40.4	33.7	33.7
August.....	37.4	40.1	30.3	30.3	41.6	44.1	33.7	33.7
September.....	37.5	37.5	30.7	30.7	43.6	44.1	36.1	36.1
October.....	41.9	39.9	36.2	36.2	44.6	42.4	38.9	38.9
November.....	46.8	46.4	41.7	41.7	46.3	46.3	41.7	41.7
December.....	39.8	40.3	35.3	35.3	42.3	42.9	37.2	37.2
Mo. Average..	49.4	41.6	42.0	33.2	42.3	42.9	37.2	37.2

(\*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

## DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment for bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the failure record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

# Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	867	192	22.2	79	9.1	450	51.9	86	9.9	60	6.9
February.....	926	207	22.3	87	9.4	449	48.5	109	11.8	74	8.0
March.....	1,102	196	17.9	123	11.2	551	50.0	143	13.0	87	7.9
April.....	975	200	20.5	82	8.4	535	54.9	92	9.4	66	6.8
May.....	943	200	21.2	91	9.6	460	48.8	111	11.8	81	8.6
June.....	965	208	21.6	89	9.2	455	47.1	112	11.7	81	8.4
July.....	856	165	19.3	99	11.6	417	48.7	95	11.1	80	9.3
August.....	912	187	20.5	94	10.3	451	49.4	100	11.0	80	8.8
September.....	819	153	18.7	113	13.8	406	49.6	88	10.7	59	7.2
October.....	871	189	21.7	91	10.5	414	47.5	109	12.5	68	7.8
November.....	933	179	19.2	86	9.2	490	52.5	110	11.8	68	7.3
December.....	917	204	22.2	98	10.7	413	45.0	130	14.2	72	7.9
Total Year.....	11,086	2,282	20.6	1,132	10.2	5,491	49.5	1,305	11.8	876	7.9
1955											
January.....	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February.....	877	188	21.4	101	11.5	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March.....	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.9	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April.....	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	65	7.3
May.....	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June.....	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July.....	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August.....	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	410	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September.....	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October.....	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	135	14.8	81	8.8
November.....	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December.....	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	135	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year.....	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January.....	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	79	6.9
February.....	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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October.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

# Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	867	134	15.5	427	49.2	249	28.7	55	6.3	2	0.3
February.....	926	119	12.8	458	49.5	271	29.3	73	7.9	5	0.5
March.....	1,102	144	13.1	556	50.6	296	26.9	102	9.2	2	0.2
April.....	975	148	15.2	514	52.7	242	24.8	67	6.9	4	0.4
May.....	943	149	15.8	482	51.1	243	25.8	66	7.0	3	0.3
June.....	965	119	12.3	497	51.5	269	27.8	78	8.1	3	0.3
July.....	856	123	14.4	457	53.4	208	24.3	68	7.9	..	..
August.....	912	138	15.1	472	51.8	232	25.4	70	7.7	..	..
September.....	819	121	14.8	400	48.8	231	28.2	63	7.7	4	0.5
October.....	871	150	17.2	447	51.3	220	25.3	53	6.1	1	0.1
November.....	933	143	15.3	491	52.6	236	25.3	60	6.5	3	0.3
December.....	917	152	16.6	437	47.6	250	27.3	74	8.1	4	0.4
Total Year.....	11,086	1,540	14.8	5,640	50.8	2,946	26.6	829	7.5	31	0.3
1955											
January.....	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February.....	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	62	7.0	4	0.4
March.....	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April.....	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May.....	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June.....	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July.....	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August.....	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September.....	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October.....	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November.....	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December.....	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year.....	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January.....	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February.....	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

